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Finding Locally Produced Books on BARD

Users of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) can apply for an account to the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) to download audiobooks and magazines to their computer or device (with the BARD Mobile app).

Accessing BARD requires a computer or device, high-speed internet (which your public library has if you don't), an email address, and the ability to download files.

In addition to the more than 100,000 titles available to TBS patrons through BARD (or on cartridge), did you know that you can easily search for our locally produced Idaho books on the BARD Mobile Apps?

Navigate to the "Get Books" module, then click on "Search." In the search bar, enter "ID1A" (our unique network library code), make sure it is set to a "Keyword" search, then press "Go." Twenty-five books will be displayed first, but as you scroll down, the list will refresh to 50, 75, 100, etc. Happy reading!

For more information and/or instruction about BARD, call a TBS customer service representative (CSR) at 800-458-3271. If our CSR's don't answer right away, leave a message and you'll get a call back. The TBS is a little short-staffed this fall, but we'll always get back to you as soon as possible.

Read Alikes for Fall

If you are getting a little bored with the same old authors, here are some choices that might be new to you. These options are grouped by authors with a similar style or genre. Or call a TBS customer service representative -- they love talking about books and authors and are always happy to provide reading recommendations.

If you like Harlan Coben, try: Linwood Barclay Lee Child Robert Crais Lisa Gardner Don Winslow Stuart Woods

If you like Liane Moriarty, try: Elizabeth Berg Jane Green Elin Hilderbrand Marian Keyes Jennifer Weiner Emily Henry If you like J.D. Robb, try: Suzanne Brockmann Andrea Kane Darynda Jones Carol O'Connell

If you like Dean Koontz, try:

Jeffrey Deaver

Dan Simmons

Peter Straub

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Jonathan Maberry

If you like Ruth Ware, try: Lisa Unger Andrew Klavan Joy Fielding Megan Miranda Paula Hawkins



photo: headphones and books

TBS Order Form

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ADDRESS

To order any of the books from this newsletter, write your name and address in the space indicated above and mark on the line(s) next to the identification number of the title(s) you want. Then, mail the form (pages 5 through 8). Postage is not required.

These titles are also available for download from BARD. To register for BARD, call the Talking Book Service at 800-458-3271 or visit: http://NLSbard.loc.gov.

Newly Available Locally Produced Books:

"Revenge for the Hunted"

Author: Mike Sherack

Idaho's hunting season is under siege. When six hunters are found dead shortly after the season opens, law enforcement investigates the seemingly connected murders, a link that's confirmed when an unknown anti-hunting extremist demands that the season be closed. Despite safety concerns, that state refuses, an angered hunting community reacts, and more hunters fall victim. As FBI Agent Max Miller learns about the deadly ghost-like killer and takes to the mountains trying to cross his path, he suspects the man he's looking for, ironically, has hunted before.

2008

16 hours, 14 minutes

Adult Fiction

Read By: Becky DiSilvia

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"Allegory of Malad City: a Novel Based on Actual Events of 1986" Adult Fiction

Author: Ruby Campbell Stroschein

The truths in this story lie in the twists and turns of Rebekah's life that bring her home to Malad City to face her demons; in the secrets buried in a child's grave by a pragmatic FDIC manager who's grappling with his feelings for a married woman; and in the tragic accident that challenges a young mother to content with the forces of faith, built, and salvation. Suffused with the tense drama of a bank take-over by the FDIC, hundreds of farm families are left destitute as their errant church leader begins acquiring assets for pennies on the dollar. When Rebekah and her sister fight to help families retain their holdings, the power of a religious stronghold is unleashed. The women find themselves steeped in challenges that test the moral and ethical fabric of this small Welsh community under siege. Adult. Some descriptions of sex. Some violence.

2016

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"The Stone Angel"

Author: Margaret Laurence

With her life nearly behind her, the witty, irascible, and fiercely proud Hagar Shipley escapes from her nursing home and sets out in search of a way to reconcile herself to her tumultuous past. Through her reflections, we come to know the rebellious young bride in a remote prairie town, her love for her two sons, the freedom she claimed, and the joys she denied herself. In this bold, final step toward freedom and independence, Hagar gains a deeper understanding of the meaning of acceptance. Her thoughts evoke not only the rich pattern of her past experience but also the meaning of what it is to grow old and to come to terms with mortality.

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1964

10 hours, 55 minutes

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Adult Fiction

Read By: Maryan Stephens

13 hours, 2 minutes

Read By: Kris Query

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Read By: Kris Query

"Boise State of Mind: the Emergence of College Football's Grittiest Underdog"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Joel Gunderson

After decades of under-the-radar success, the Boise State Broncos became a household name during the 2006-07 NCAA football season. That was when the 12-0 Broncos were set to face the 11-2 Oklahoma Sooners in the Fiesta Bowl. In that David vs. Goliath event, everyone expected the Sooners, who played in the highly competitive Big 12 conference and had dominated since coach Bob Stoops took over in 1999, to beat the no-names from the Western Athletic Conference. The matchup would end up becoming one of the greatest college football games ever played, with Boise State beating Oklahoma, 43-42, on a trick-play two-point conversion to win in overtime. But how did Boise State, known mostly for its blue turf, become synonymous with football excellence, morphing into one of the most successful and polarizing programs in the country? Writer Joel Gunderson tells the story of how the school went from a junior college to Division I, climbing the ranks and building a program that has since beaten such college football powerhouses as Oregon, Georgia, Virginia Tech, and Oklahoma, and has the highest winning percentage in the country since 2000. Through indepth interviews with current and former players, coaches, and administration, Gunderson offers an entertaining story of the growth of a program that rose from anonymity to becoming arguably the most successful underdog in the country. But this is more than just a Cinderella story, it's about how they arrived, how they conquered, and how they've maintained their position in the cutthroat business that is college football. Adult.



2018

12 hours, 17 minutes

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Thank you to the TBS patrons who participated in the summer reading program. (You'll receive your prizes very soon!) We'll do it again next year.



photo: headphones and book on the beach, ocean in the background

Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service

(July through September 2023)

General Donations:

Lucy Bean Margaret Mortensen Joan Perdue Charles & Janet Mosier Theresa Gross Nancy Potter Carina Martin Patricia Myklebust **Billie Woods**

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Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously.



Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

Helen Barringer

who has read 45 books since joining the TBS in 2020.

Shirley McGregor

who has read 1,268 books since joining the TBS in 2018.

Doris Tuttle

who has read 155 books since joining the TBS in 2017.



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Customer service representatives (CSRs) are available to assist TBS patrons, **Monday through Friday**, from **8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT**, except State of Idaho holidays.

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photo: river with fall foliage along the banks